

Crew of O-9 Honored By Navy 'as Men Still At Station of Duty'

Recovery of Bodies
Abandoned to Avoid
Risking Divers' Lives

By the Associated Press.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 23.—The Navy honored today as "men still at their station of duty" the 33 members of the sunken and pressure-crushed submarine O-9 after abandoning efforts to recover their bodies or to salvage the craft from murky depths, 440 feet below the surface.

The decision to allow the men to lay buried on the ocean floor came only after two courageous Navy divers descended to the side of the under-water vessel in working dives unparalleled in history. It was determined that further efforts would jeopardize divers' lives.

"Under present circumstances," said Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations in Washington, "the decision must be to accept the situation as loss of naval personnel at sea who can best be honored as men still at their station of duty. Not one of them would expect or wish another naval man to risk his life to provide another final resting place."

May Never Cause.

Naval officials said that although it may never be determined what caused the 23-year-old, recently recommissioned craft to plunge to the ocean bed during a test dive, a naval board of inquiry would hold an investigation either in New London, Conn., or Portsmouth at an unspecified date.

Deep in their steel tomb, the men were given the blessings of an appreciative and sympathetic Navy Secretary, Frank Knox, during a solemn service on the gently rolling deck of the submarine Triton yesterday.

With a trace of tears in his eyes, the naval chief grimly stepped to the port rail—as approximately 1,000 gold-braided admirals, sailors in dress blue and divers in denim work clothes stood at attention—and uttered to the men far below a fond "good-by—we thank you—God bless you."

Thinks Men Died Instantly.

A few hours earlier Rear Admiral Richard S. Edwards had signaled the end of operations by announcing it was impossible for divers to work with any kind of efficiency in the black, silt-bottomed depths where the men were submerged.

"In my opinion," said Admiral Edwards, "the men of the O-9 died instantly." He based his conclusion on the fact that wreckage from the interior lining of the hull had been found on the surface.

As guns roared out the Navy's final tribute and bugles sounded "Taps," wreaths were tossed on the calm sea—for the Nation, the Navy and the families of the victims.

The exclusive naval service—not even members of the families of the crew members—was held in a circle of about a dozen vessels, including the salvage craft from which desperate efforts had been made since Friday to reach the stricken boat.

Slayer Facing Chair Leaps to His Death

By the Associated Press.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 23.—Facing electrocution July 2, Emil Rosovitz, 31, Youngstown, escaped from a death-row cell, climbed 40 feet up ventilator bars and leaped to his death on the concrete floor below yesterday at Ohio Penitentiary.

Convicts in six tiers of cells watched Rosovitz swing a runway door against guard Earl L. Kunkle, dashed past him to the north wall of the block and scramble up the iron bars.

Warden Henderson reported Rosovitz shouted a few unintelligible words, then screamed, "I'm going!" before he jumped.

Rosovitz, also known as Jack Randall, was under death sentence for the holdup killing of John V. Donnelly in a Youngstown beer parlor last August 31.

Two Men Hurt as Plane Crashes in Maryland

By the Associated Press.

RANDALLSTOWN, Md., June 23.—Two men were slightly injured and the light plane in which they had flown from Havre de Grace was wrecked when it crashed yesterday in the field of B. John Black.

The pilot, Lt. Henry P. Steele of Philadelphia, stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, said the plane motor began missing, then failed completely when he flew low in search of a landing place.

Lt. Steele was treated for face cuts. His companion, William E. Lewis, Del., who shared ownership of the plane with Lt. Steele, was treated for shock.

Sweden Is Uneasy Over New Outbreak

By the Associated Press.

STOCKHOLM, June 23.—The new outbreak of war close at hand in the Baltic caused uneasiness in Sweden today, but she stuck firmly to her long-practiced policy of neutrality.

The newspaper Aftonbladet declared that Finland, "providing a northern springboard" for the Nazi attack on the Soviet Union, "is fulfilling a great and honorable mission for which she already has bled and is now accepting fresh sacrifices."

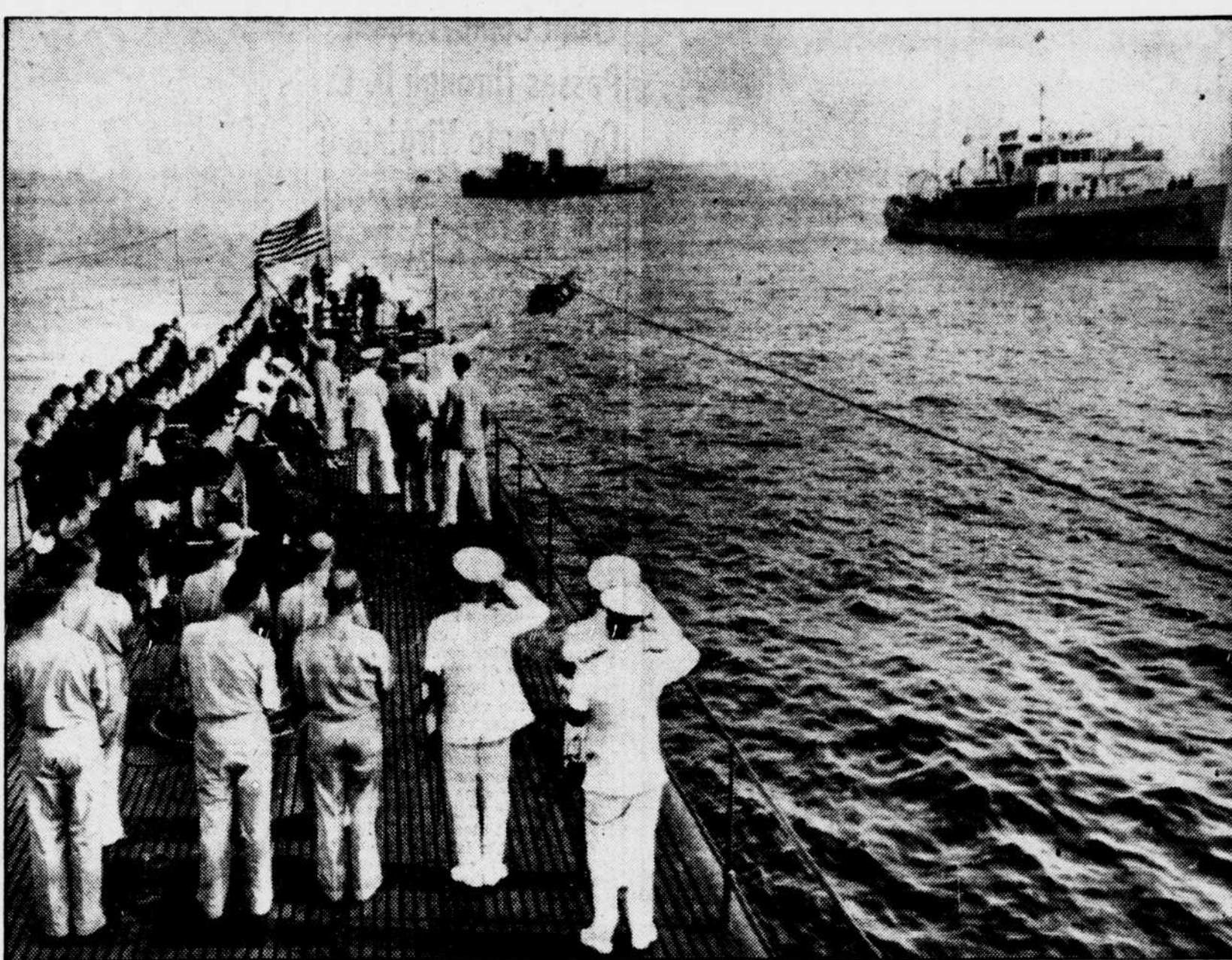
Official sources said Sweden was running no risk of involvement and that Germany had made no request for the right to move troops across her territory.

Three Army Men Die As Bomber Crashes

By the Associated Press.

MOUNTVILLE, Ga., June 23.—Pilot Stafford L. Morton and two other Army men from the Savannah air base plunged to death in the crash of a light Army bomber which an eyewitness said "nose-dived out of a black cloud right after a terrific thunderclap" near here late yesterday.

The Savannah base said Lt. Morton's companions were Capt. Henry Walter Herlong of Jacksonville, Fla., base ordnance officer, and Pvt. Thomas A. Sims of Huntington, W. Va. Morton's home was in Clayton, Mo.



PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—NAVY CHIEF DROPS WREATH FOR SUBMARINE DEAD—Secretary of the Navy Knox (near bow) threw a wreath over the side of Navy submarine Triton yesterday

while a bugler blew "Taps" as funeral services were held at sea for 33 officers and men lost aboard the submarine O-9. Note the flag at half mast.

—A. P. Wirephoto.

U. S. to Lose Markets If Nazis Win War, Morgenthau Says

Secretary Urges 4-H
Bonds and Stamp

No bond has a greater stake in the outcome of this present war conflict than the American farmer, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau today told delegates to the 15th annual encampment of 4-H clubs.

Speaking over a Nation-wide radio broadcast, the Secretary of Agriculture and Home Hour from the Marine Barracks he said the farmer's right to till his own acres, his right to take part in the democratic determination of policies affecting his own welfare and his children's, are directly involved in this struggle.

"If this so-called 'new order' of the dictators should triumph, we should see the markets of the world closed to American farm products, which, for more than a century, have brought health and well being to the peoples of the earth."

The Treasury Secretary called on the rural youths to buy defense savings bonds and stamps.

On the program were three 4-H Club delegates from nearby Maryland and Virginia. They were: Ann Lee Tipton, Montgomery County; Lucinda Holloway, Dorchester County, Md., and Orelana Robinson, Washington County, Va.

During a discussion in the Agriculture Department auditorium early today, the delegates gave their views on community responsibilities of rural youth.

Dr. Russell M. Wilder, Mayo clinic specialist and chairman of the subcommittee on nutrition for the National Research Council, gave a technical talk on food values and their use in the body.

In discussing American consumption of "patent bread," Dr. Wilder said the German army eats 1½ pounds of whole wheat and rye bread per man a day. He expressed the belief this is the cause of their strength and fighting powers.

He also voiced the opinion German troops are getting better food and a more balanced diet than many citizens of this country.

Morale, courage and physical fitness basically come from food, he added. "If more attention is given to quality 'this will build the American people to face the threats and tasks ahead of them," he declared.

The basis of a balanced diet is an adequate supply of iron salts, proteins, calcium and the vital A, B, C and D vitamins, he said.

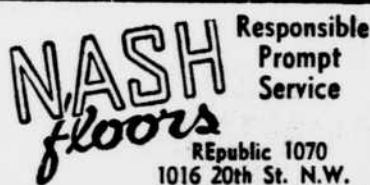
Wreath Placed at Tomb.

Mississippi and Wyoming delegates yesterday placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the 4-H Club visit to Arlington National Cemetery.

A special vesper service was held in conjunction with local members of Hi-Y Clubs and the Girl Reserves of the Y. W. C. A. last night. This was followed by a concert given by the West Virginia chorus and band.

During the afternoon the 173 delegates were to be taken through the new National Gallery of Art. Tonight District youth organizations, under the direction of Miss Sibyl Baker, superintendent of municipal recreation, will entertain the visitors.

The farm youths will discuss Pan-Americanism and the good neighbor policy tomorrow. During their citizenship ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial, Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia of New York City, director of the Office of Civilian Defense, will talk on responsibilities of rural youth in national defense.



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Navy Diver Declares His 440-Foot Descent Was 'No Picnic'

Conger Thinks He Saw
O-9; Tells How It Felt
To Be on Ocean Floor

By FRANK CAREY.

Associated Press Staff Writer.

ABOARD U. S. S. FALCON, OFF PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 23.—

In the boiling heat of the "iron doctor"—a recompression chamber for divers after they come out of the water—a cracklejack naval diver told yesterday how it feels to be in the darkness of the ocean floor at the greatest depth ever reached by a diver in an unarmored suit.

"It wasn't exactly a picnic," grunted Claude Conger, 33, of Washington, a short time after he had been brought up 440 feet from the muddy bottom where the luckless submarine O-9 lay with her 33 dead.

"But I'd go down again, if I have to—it's my job," he added, as he lifted from his sweat-streaked face a grotesque oxygen mask that looked like a football player's nose guard.

"But I wouldn't do it for the fun of it."

Shouts in Tired Voice.

His voice was tired, but nevertheless he tried to shout the tendency of persons under artificial pressure. At the moment he was talking Mr. Conger was under a pressure of almost 28 pounds to the square inch—the equivalent of pressure in 40 feet of water.

He sat on a tool box at the far end of a 12-foot-long, barrel-like chamber, which is divided into two compartments, separated by a steel door.

The inner section was where the diver was gradually being brought back to normal pressure so as to prevent "bends," the dread ailment of divers and high-altitude flyers.

In the outer chamber, medical attendants and observers remained until they were under an artificial pressure equalizing that of Mr. Conger with whom they were to talk.

He wore a blue-sailor shirt and dungarees, into which he was changed quickly by attendants when he first entered the chamber.

Portholes in the steel chamber showed sunlight from outside, but the glass was dimmed almost as though by steam, and an electric light lit the chamber itself.

More than 6-feet tall, 165 pounds, Mr. Conger has been used as a kind of sea-going human guinea pig to devise athletic tests to establish standards of naval physique.

Thinks He Saw Sub.

Omnious was the face that peered from behind the strange mask. But the things he said to interviewers were more so.

"I think I saw something that was crumpled up. I think I saw about 12 feet of the object. I think I saw a jagged line, but I'm not sure. It might have been the submarine."

And how was life down below?

"I couldn't leave my descending line," he said. "It was the darkest place I've ever been in. But I didn't have any dizzy feeling at all. It wasn't exactly a picnic. I sure was hoping that hose line would hold."

Japanese Cattlemen Strike

Dissatisfied with the government price-control system, cattlemen in the vicinity of Kobe, Japan, refused to drive their cattle to the city, resulting in a meat shortage.

War on Soviet Part Of Fight Against Britain, Nazis Say

Machinations of Russians
Were Link in England's
Ring, Germans Hold

By LOUIS F. LOCHNER.

Associated Press War Correspondent.

BERLIN, June 23.—Germany's war with Soviet Russia "is an integral part of our fight against England," authorized German sources declared today.

"Machinations of the Soviet government were one link in the ring Britain desired to weld around Germany," they observed. "We are breaking that ring, link after link, and some day it will be the turn of the last one."

Rumania was definitely described as an ally of Germany, while Finland's legal position needed definition.

"It is up to Finland to say how she desires to be fitted into the scheme of things," authorized sources said.

Turkey was said to intend definitely to remain neutral.

Japan Expected to Take Stand.

Hungary and Bulgaria have not yet made their positions known, but authorized sources said there could be no doubt about Hungary's siding and deep-seated hatred of Bolshevism.

There could be no doubt either of Spanish loathing for Bolshevism, they said, although there has been no official statement of Spain's position.

Of Japan, the sessions of Japanese leaders in Tokyo today were expected to determine that country's status quickly.

Neither Germany nor Russia, according to these sources, knows as yet whom to trust with representing their interests on the other's territory.

"The number of neutrals is rapidly dwindling," a Wilhelmstrasse commentator observed drily.

The impression in the Wilhelmstrasse regarding the United States was that "there is no unanimous standpoint discernible."

Whatever other nations may think of the new conflict, authorized sources said that to Germany it was merely part of the old story: "Beat England."

Revelations Promised.

Prime Minister Churchill's speech interested these sources chiefly because "it furnished positive proof

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Bishop Freeman Asks More Defense Stress On Spiritual Phase

Deplores 'Arsenal' Move
Without Undertaking to
Spread Christianity

The Right Rev. James E. Freeman, Bishop of Washington, yesterday deplored the action of the United States in turning its energies to production of machines of war without giving more time to the development of spiritual forces.

He said the Nation was "arrogantly setting itself up to be the arsenal of the world" without at the same time undertaking to practice and spread the teachings of Christianity.

Delivering his Evensong sermon at the Washington Cathedral, Bishop Freeman said the people of the world will face during the summer months the greatest strain which has ever been placed on humankind. He urged the congregation not to lose faith.

"To find comfort in these grave times, we must get back again to some of the things we have lost," he said.

Bishop Freeman said that after listening to Winston Churchill's speech he realized the world is facing years of bloodshed and sorrow which will make the Napoleonic wars seem inconsequential.

He said the youth of this country is today the "most disillusioned, most disheartened and most discouraged people in the world," and warned that they will not find their happiness in the future "by being the policemen of the world, but by bringing about a revival of religion."

"Officers in the high places today are forgetting the need of faith in God," he said, and urged the leaders of all countries to realize this necessity in "a world gone mad."

The sermon yesterday was the last the Bishop will deliver at the Cathedral until September.

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